

## Message Text

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TO AMEMBASSY PARIS

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E.O. 11652: N.A.

TAGS: MILI, FR, LY

SUBJECT: ALLEGED LIBYAN SWINDLE BY FRENCH ARMS DEALERS

REF: PARIS 38305 301220Z DEC 76 STATE 312380

1. AT REQUEST OF DEPARTMENT U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE IS UNDERTAKING INVESTIGATION WHETHER SMITH & WESSON VIOLATED STATUTE AND REGULATIONS (SEE 10 FAM 750) GOVERNING EXPORT U.S. MUNITIONS LIST EQUIPMENT AND RELATED TECHNICAL DATA. SPECIFICALLY, QUESTION IS WHETHER S & W IN MAKING APPLICATION TO, AND RECEIVING LICENSES FROM, DEPT TO EXPORT STARTRONS TO FRANCE WILLFULLY MADE UNTRUE STATEMENT OF MATERIAL FACT OR OMITTED TO STATE A MATERIAL FACT.

2. CONCUR IN YOUR REQUESTING THAT FRENCH AUTHORITIES KEEP EMBASSY INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS. ANY INFORMATION YOU MAY BE ABLE TO OBTAIN (FROM AUTHORITIES, HEARINGS, ETC. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WILL BE APPRECIATED. DEPT PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN WHETHER S & W HAD KNOWLEDGE OF REEXPORT OF 110 STARTRONS TO LIBYA, IF SUCH REEXPORT DID IN FACT TAKE PLACE. KISSINGER

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## Message Attributes

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